GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4630
ANSWERED ON:23.08.2001
OUTSTANDING DUES AGAINST SEBs
MAHBOOB ZAHEDI

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Electricity Boards (SEBs) are withholding a huge amount of Railways for carrying coal to thermal power plants;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the latest amount outstanding against each SEB; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to recover the outstanding money?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL)

(a) Yes, Sir. Amount outstanding from State Electricity Boards and Power Houses to end of June 2001 is Rs. 1822.47 Cr.

(b) Dues arose because of the continuing non-viability of the current operations of the SEBs.

(c) A statement is attached.

(d) The steps taken by the Government to recover the outstanding money include:

(1) State Electricity Boards and Power Houses which fail to observe the conditions of `Prepayment of Freight`as also payment of current freight are closely monitored by the zonal Railways and regular meetings are held with senior officials of State Electricity Boards and Power Houses.

(2) Pursuant to Government`s decision on 07.02.1997 that the outstanding dues from State Electricity Boards/Power Houses as on 31.12.1996 would be adjusted from the Central Plan Assistance of the State Governments subject to certain limits, an amount of Rs. 134.80 crore has been received by Railways upto 31.03.2001.

(3) Adjustment of outstanding from State Electricity Boards against traction bills.

(4) The Ministry of Railways has approached Ministry of Power, Ministry of Finance, Chief Ministers and Chief Secretaries of concerned State Governments at various levels including that of Minister of Railways, urging early steps for clearance of the dues.

(5) Ministry of Power had set up an Expert Group regarding settlement of SEB Dues.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (c) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION No.4630 BY SHRI MAHB ZAHEDI TO BE ANSWERED ON 23.8.2001 REGARDING OUTSTANDING DUES AGAINST SEB.

(c) The latest amount outstanding against each SEB is as under:

(Rs. In Crore)

Name of State Electricity Board/Power Houses	Outstanding dues as on 30.06.2001
1. Andhra Pradesh State Electricity Board	39.11
2. Assam State Electricity Board	0.95
3. Bihar State Electricity Board	3.91

4. Delhi Vidyut Board 136.10

5. Gujarat State Electricity Board 160.37
6. Haryana State Electricity Board 35.18

7 Karnataka State Electricity Board 0.33

8. Maharashtra State Electricity Board 19.71

9. Madhya Pradesh State Electricity Board 7.61
10. Punjab State Electricity Board 217.68
11. Rajasthan State Electricity Board 80.58
12. Tamilnadu State Electricity Board 18.41
13. Uttar Pradesh State Electricity Board 22.68
14. West Bengal State Electricity Board 29.38
15. Badarpur Thermal Power Station 976.91
16. National Thermal Power Corporation 70.37
17. Damodar Valley Corporation 2.49
18. Private Power House Sabarmati 0.70

TOTAL 1822.47